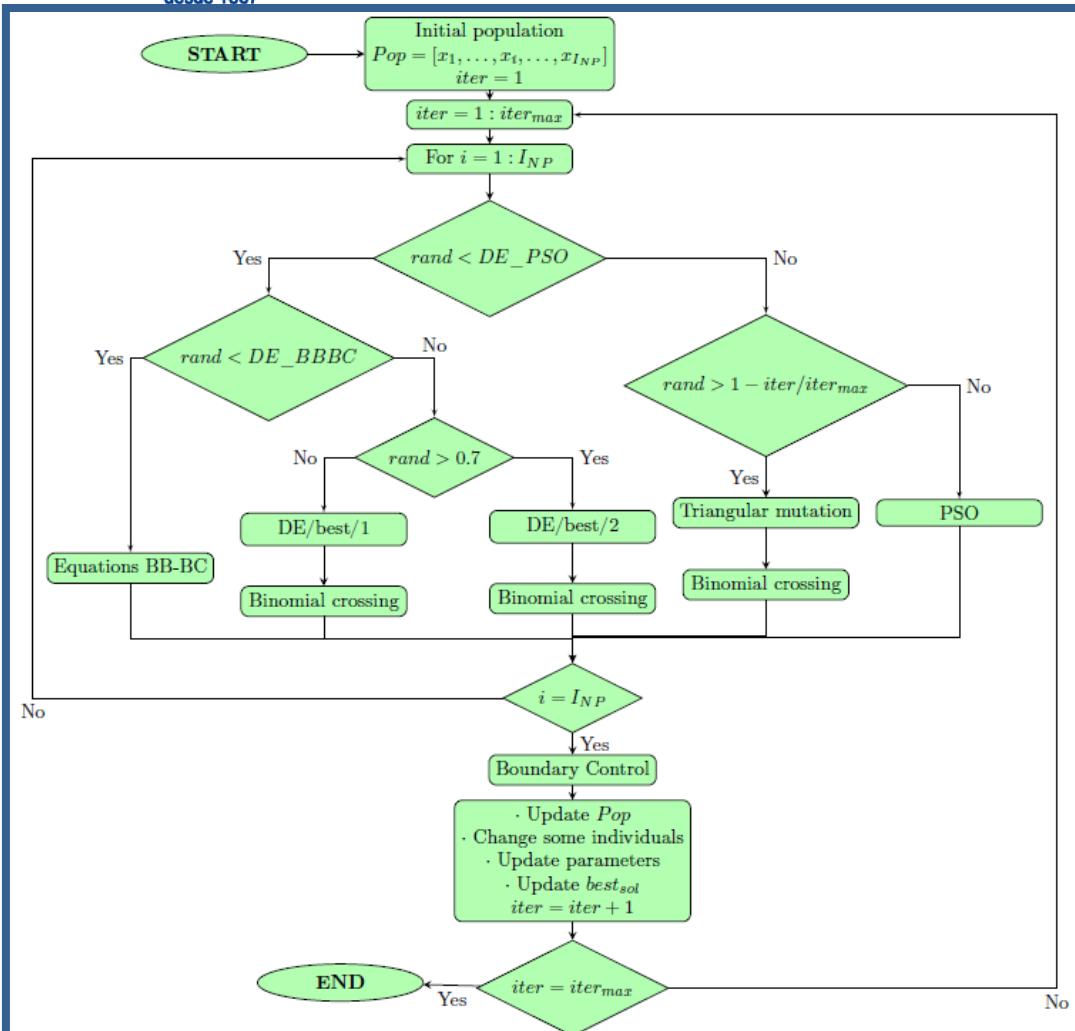


ALGORITHM:

Combination of Differential Evolution, Particle Swarm Optimization and Big Bang-Big Crunch (DE-PSO-BBBC)

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DE-PSO-BBBC:

- It is a combination of Differential Evolution (DE), Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and Big Bang-Big Crunch (BB-BC).
 - This combination aims to perform a more efficient search and → thus cover certain disadvantages of each metaheuristic.

Fig 1: Flowchart of the DE-PSO-BBBC.



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function DE-PSO-BBBC
    Input
        Pop: initial population
        c1, c2, NR, wmax, wmin, ImaxPSO: PSO (parameters).
        ImaxBB-BC: BB-BC (parameter).
        minP, maxP: search limits.
        DE_PSO: probability of using DE or PSO.
        DE_BBC: probability of using DE or BB-BC.
        iter = 1.
    Output bestsol.
    While iter < itermax do
        for i = 1: INP do
            if rand < DE_PSO do
                if rand < DE_BBC do
                    Equation BB-BC (Indnew)
                else
                    if rand>0.7 do
                        DE/best/2
                        Apply binomial crossing (Indnew)
                    else
                        DE/best/1
                        Apply binomial crossing (Indnew)
                    end if
                end if
            else
                if rand > 1 – iter/itermax do
                    Triangular mutation
                    Apply binomial crossing (Indnew)
                else
                    Apply PSO (Indnew)
                end if
            end if
        end for
        Update Pop (Apply selection (DE)).
        Strategies to change some individuals (based on previous solutions).
        Update PSO and BB-BC parameters.
        Update bestsol (the best solution of Pop)}.
        iter = iter + 1
    end while
end function

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General considerations :

- The parameters of the PSO and BB-BC are initialized after a certain number of iterations (to avoid premature convergence).
- Three different differential mutations can be used.
- Parameters of the DE decrease in function of the iterations number.
- Some individuals are replaced for individuals generated before iterations (maintain diversity).

Fig 2: Pseudocode of the DE-PSO-BBC.